THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Some broad guidelines for joint ventures in deep sea fishing, test fishing in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and leasing foreign fishing vessels have been considered for the development of deep sea fishing and to promote export of marine products.

(b) and Co) Deep sea fishing vessels are operated beyond the -area of operation of small fishermen i. e. beyond the territorial waters. Therefore operation of deep sea fishing vessels should not affect the small fishermen.

(d) No, Sir.

Non payramt of gratuity to a retired Head clerk of State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk Branch, Delhi

393. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased lo refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3548 given, in the Rajya Sabha on 6th September^ 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gratuity amount of Rs. 24, 000 has not yet been released to the retired Head Clerk of State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk Branch, Delhi; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) how many letters Government have received from Members of Parliament regarding payment of Provident Fund and Gratuity amount to him during this year; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon till date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVDAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the bank and will be laid on the Table. of the House to the extent possible.

Overdues of Commercial Banks from the Agricultural Sector

894. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether in the agricultural sector the overdues of commercial banks, including the regional, rural and cooperative banks have reached a staggering level of 43 per cent of the demand;

(b) if so, what were the total over-dues as on June, 1988;

(c) to what extent *H* has been further increased upto 1990;

(d) to what extent the overdues in the cooperatives have been less in comparison to commercial banks;

(e) what are the reasons therefsr: and

(' i) what steps are being taken to recover the dues from the farm sector:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) For the ye&r ending June, 1988, the percentage of overdues to demand in case of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACs) was 40. 65 per cent (latest data available). For the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), this figure was 51. ll Per cent and for Public-Sector Banks, the same was 43. 2 per cent.

(b) The total overdues as on June 30, 1988 were Rs. 2132 crores for Primary Agricultural Co-operative So> cieties (PACS), Rs. 630 crores for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and Rs. 2207 crores for Public Sector Banks.